Friends' News

Christ Church Cathedral Dublin

ISSN 0791-2331 Vol. 25 No. 1 Spring 2007 €3

Friends of Christ Church Cathedral News is published by
The Friends of Christ Church Cathedral, The Chapter House. Christ Church Place, Dublin 8

The opinions expressed in this journal are those of the authors and need not represent the views of the Friends of Christ Church Cathedral.

The Friends of Christ Church Cathedral support the work and worship of the cathedral.
Membership is open to all

Patron:	*Archbishop of Dublin: The Most Revd John Neill*
Chairperson:	*Dean of Christ Church: The Very Revd Desmond Harman*
Vice-chairpersons:	*Deans Vicar: The Revd Mark Gardner*
Archdeacon of Dublin:	*The Ven David Pierpoint*
Archdeacon of Glendalough:	*The Ven Edgar Swann*
Honorary secretary:	*Kenneth Milne*
Honorary treasurer:	*David Bockett*
Honorary membership secretary:	*Revd Mark Gardner*
Honorary editor:	*Lesley Rue*
Committee members:	*Basil Grace*
	Harold Hislop
	Valerie Houlden
	Ruth Kinsella
	Don Macaulay
	Dorothy Pennefather
	Paddy Walsh
	David Wynne

Friends Office:	*Lesley Rue: 01 677 8099*
Membership applications to	*The Hon. Membership Secretary*
	The Chapter House
	Christ Church Cathedral
	Christ Church Place Dublin 8

Minimum subscriptions: Within Ireland – €20 Overseas – $35
Five year subscription €250 (Irl. Tax Refundable) or $300
Friends are invited to give more if they can

E-mail: friends@cccdub.ie

FRONT COVER: *Representatives of organisations at the distribution of cheques.*
BACK COVER: *Cancer Research candle*

Origination and Printing by Fodhla Printing Company Limited, Dublin

CONTENTS

Editor's Letter	Lesley Rue	2
Dean's Letter	The Very Revd. Desmond Harman	3
Friend's trip to Peterborough	Beryl Gillis	6
Charity Carols	Maureen Reid	8
Advent Carol Service	Jon Scarffe	9
Christmas Carol Service	Jon Scarffe	10
Cathedral gives €17,000 to charities		11
Photo News		12
Music in the Cathedral	Peter Parshall	14
Autumn Pilgrimage		15
The Ringers	Leslie Taylor	16
New Diocesan Chaplain for the International Community	Garrett Casey	17
Flowers		18
2007 Lenten Lectures		19
Crypt Lunchtime lectures		20
Subscription Form		21
Contacts		23
Services & Events		inside back cover

From your Editor

Lesley Rue

Welcome to the Spring edition of your "News". Since our last Friends' News a number of new Friends have joined – a special welcome to them.

In this issue you can read about most of the services which were held over the Christmas period. Beryl has written about the Friends' trip to Peterborough. You can also read about the new Diocesan Chaplain for the International Community. Enclosed is a brochure regarding the "Summer Festival" – a lot of interesting events.

I would like to thank everyone who wrote for this edition and hope you enjoy reading it.

Lesley.

For professional printing of your next newsletter, brochure, poster, book or stationery contact:

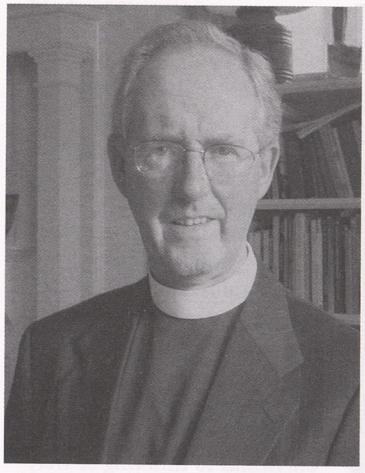
Fodhla

Fodhla Printing Co. Ltd.,

102 Grange Way, Baldoyle Ind. Estate, Dublin 13

Telephone: 806 3801 Fax: 806 3877

E-mail: ruek@fodhla.ie



The Chapter House,
Christchurch Place,
Dublin 8
Ireland

TELEPHONE: (01 or ISTD+3531) 677 8099
EMAIL: DEAN@CCCDUB.IE
WEBSITE: www.cccdub.ie

DEAR FRIENDS,

LOOKING BACK.

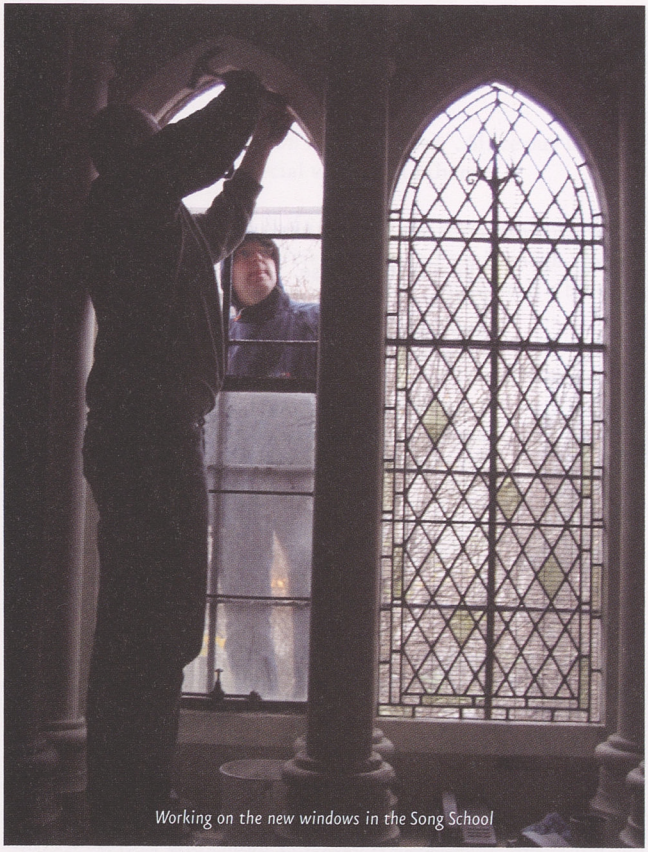
It seems only a few weeks ago that I was telling you about events at Christ Church. Time passes quickly when many things are happening. On the other hand it seems a long time since last November but it is worth recording in this Newsletter that the Citizenship Service which has taken place in Christ Church since 1940 was held for the first time in St Mary's Pro-cathedral. It seemed right to me that this service should alternate between the two places. Archbishop John Neill preached at the 2006 service and Archbishop Diarmuid Martin has agreed to preach in Christ Church on November 4th next at 3.30pm.

Many other significant services take place in the cathedral. In October there was a special service in association with Positive Ageing Week. On the following Saturday choirs from many traditions came together under the heading of Taste and See. This was organised by the All Ireland Churches Consultation Meeting on Racism and followed by food from many nations served in the crypt.

On Sunday 19 November the Irish Cancer Society helped organise a service, which filled the cathedral with families affected in various ways by cancer. A basket of names and prayers was at the heart of that service. At Christmas the cathedral was asked to keep a candle lit to highlight the work of the Cancer Research Council in the UK. The basket was left beside the candle and a large number of further prayers and memories accumulated, many with moving messages of personal experience.

We all look forward to Christmas but for us in the cathedral the planning starts long before even Advent begins. So, 'thank you' to all our staff and volunteers and the people in the city's Parks Department who help us by supplying Christmas Trees for the grounds and inside the cathedral.

The season began this year with the Advent Procession. This needed even more planning so that the service could be recorded and videoed for a new DVD to be produced next autumn.



Working on the new windows in the Song School

Many thanks to our music staff and singers and to the thirty acolytes who came for extra rehearsals and separate recordings as well as for the service itself.

Our Lunchtime Charity Carol Service with the Girls Choir was in aid of Our Lady's Hospice in Harold's Cross. Special thanks to the Friends of the cathedral for their work and sponsorship in connection with the mulled wine and mince pies which are such a special feature of the day. Next year we hope to support the Altzheimer's Association.

The extra Sunday carol service, which was added last year was again a great success and the traditional Monday night service was a wonderful occasion. We were very sorry that Judy Martin, our Director of Music, had to go on sick leave due to an accident at home which resulted in one broken leg and, and a damaged ankle on the other. We are fortunate to also have other highly qualified musicians who were able to share the extra work involved and none of our services fell below their high musical standard during the Christmas and post Christmas period. Once again the Candlemas Procession was a great spiritual experience as we switched from thinking of Christmas to thinking of Holy Week and Easter. Do watch out for these special services. They are different from what you experience in your local parish church and something distinctive that cathedrals can do. I do want our Friends to be part of these occasions.

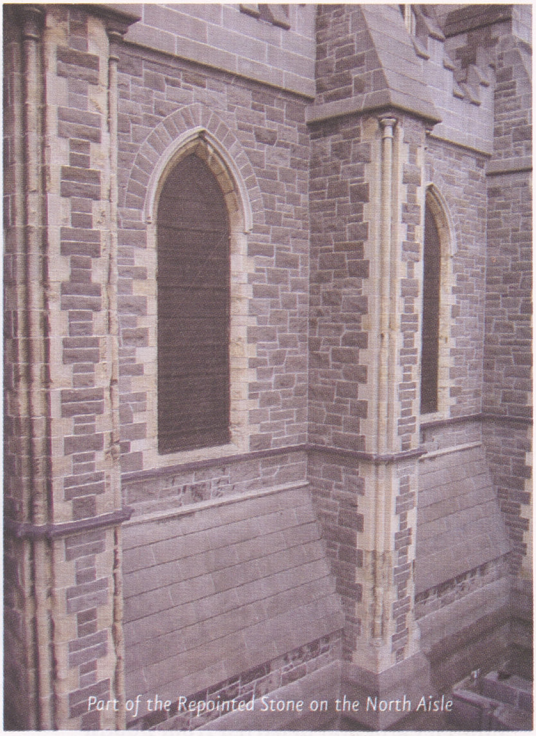
I know that many of you have great loyalty to your own parish church but do think about coming to Evensong from time to time. Sunday afternoon can be a very uplifting time in Christ Church.

Weekend visitors.

With extra visitors coming to Dublin, particularly at the weekends, we are particularly pleased to find that the number of people visiting the cathedral has kept up during the winter months. It is particularly satisfying to see so many visitors at our services. We used to think that Thursday was the evening for a full choir Evensong as the choir rehearses on that evening. We now see Saturday Evensong at 5pm as even more important. Some Saturdays recently have had a congregation of up to ninety people. I keep wondering why people pay so much to attend concerts elsewhere when they can have music of a high quality free five times a week in Christ Church!

Fabric renewals

Scaffolding can be very obvious on a building but the scaffolding on the side of the cathedral facing the Liffey was hardly noticed even though it was there for many months. Now that it has been removed it is good to see the work on stone that has been completed. The windows of the Chapter House on that side have also been renewed and the stonework of the Dean's Gate in the railings at the top of Lord Edward Street has been rebuilt and is no longer unsafe. We appreciate the support from the Department of the Environment and the Dublin City Council for these projects.



Part of the Repointed Stone on the North Aisle

New beginnings

Two commissionings reminded us of our place at the centre of the dioceses. Mary Wilson was commissioned by the Archbishop as Diocesan President of the Mothers Union on St Brigid's Day and The Revd Obinna Ulogwara was commissioned as Chaplain for the International Community on Thursday 12th February. We wish them both every blessing and fulfilment in their work.

Looking forward

We now look forward to Easter and to the summer. In association with the St Patrick's Weekend Festival the choir will give a concert on 16th in the cathedral and on 20th April in association with Temple Bar Cultural Centre will sing Messiah in the cathedral. This is a free concert but tickets can be had from info@templebar.ie or 01-6772255.You will find the programme for Holy Week and Easter elsewhere in this issue. The weekend of Trinity Sunday, the first weekend in June, is a special time for the cathedral and for the Friends. Last year we expanded on the usual Sunday to generate a festival from Thursday to Sunday and we plan to do the same this year. Some very exciting things are in the programme and I do hope that you will mark these days in your diary now. Please share the information given in the brochure that comes with this newsletter.

Volunteer's party

In January we had the annual volunteers and staff party in the crypt. We all enjoyed ourselves and it gave me an opportunity to thank everyone for their contribution to the life of Christ Church. I am very pleased that we have a number of new volunteers. More are always welcome. We meet on 27th March to have an opportunity to hear feedback so that we can revise our approach where necessary. It is worth repeating that the cathedral could not stay open without the help of volunteers.

Finally, 'thank you' to you, the Friends, for the support you give. It is very much appreciated and gives encouragement to us in the cathedral.

Desmond Harman
Dean

Friends Trip to Peterborough

Beryl Gillis

Friday 6th October and 34 Friends of Christ Church Cathedral departed from Dublin Airport for our trip to Peterborough, led by our Tour Leaders Valerie Houlden and David Bockett.

Arriving at Stansted Airport we were met by our Driver Don and coach who would look after our travel for the next four days. We travelled to Ely for lunch and a visit to Ely's majestic cathedral, which has often been described as 'The Ship of the Fens'. Late afternoon after exploring Ely our coach brought us to our hotel in Peterborough. A most enjoyable evening meal in the hotel was had by all followed by a Service of Compline.

An early start on Saturday brought us to Peterborough Cathedral for our guided tour of the history of the Abbey, Cathedral and chapels. Our tour guides were most helpful as they relayed the history of this beautiful Cathedral with its Norman architecture and Victorian work. Daily Christian worship has been taking place here for more than thirteen centuries.

Following this we had lunch at the Norfolk Lavender Farm and then on to Sandringham – the famous Royal Holiday home. Sandringham is set in glorious surroundings and the house contains a superb collection of china, portraits and arts. We visited the beautiful Chapel on the estate together with the Museum in the converted Stables, which houses several early royal cars, and carriages.

We joined the congregation of Peterborough Cathedral on Sunday morning for Sung Eucharist when Harvest Festival was being celebrated. Following the Service we joined the Friends of Peterborough Cathedral for coffee and friendship.

On then to Burghley House in Lincolnshire for lunch, prior to a tour of the House and grounds. Burghley House – an Elizabethan structure contains a vast wealth of art and

decoration. Burghley is a living house where much work is being done to revive both the structure and the contents. Jane Austen's 'Pride and Prejudice' was recently filmed at Burghley House.

Monday - our final day – a number of Friends went sightseeing and shopping in the famous university city of Cambridge while the remainder went to Duxford Imperial War Museum – the famous Heritage Site housing aircraft from the 1st and 2nd World Wars. Both visits were equally enjoyed as we exchanged our experiences on our return journey to Stansted.

Arriving home for most of us near midnight after a most excellent and enjoyable four day trip, our sincere thanks must go to Valerie David and Don – our Driver, for this truly excellent trip so well organised.

Friends Annual General Meeting, Sunday 3 June 2007. More details in next issue.

CARNEGIE
FUNERAL DIRECTORS
Funeral Home, 19 The Crescent,
Monkstown, Co. Dublin
Fax: 280 8233

Approved Quality System

Headstone & Inscriptions Service
Advance Funeral Arrangements Plan
With Bank of Ireland Trust Services

Directors: Brian & Ruth Carnegie

Tel: 280 8882

Charity Carols for Our Lady's Hospice

Maureen Reid

On Tuesday 12 December the annual lunchtime charity carol service was held. This year's service was in aid of Our Lady's Hospice Harold's Cross. The Cathedrals Girls Choir sang the service with Lay clerks. Opening the service a lone chorister sang the first verse of " Once in Royal David's City" with both the girls choir and congregation subsequently joining in.

In his introduction and welcome the Dean The Very Reverend Desmond Harman welcomed the congregation, calling on all Christian people to fulfil Christ's purpose in the world, in politics, industry, commerce, education and media. He prayed for the worried, the sick and for the work of Our Lady's Hospice concluding, with the congregation, The Lord's Prayer.

The lessons were read by Sr. Helena, Carolyn Roe and Erin Byrne. Chief Executive Officer Mo Flynn spoke of the Hospice in Harold's Cross and Blackrock.

In her address Ms. Flynn first thanked both Canon Neil McEndoo chaplain to the hospice and Dean Harman for choosing the hospice for this year's charity service.

Describing the work of the hospice, Ms. Flynn spoke of both the home and in-care services available to help patients and the wider family circle. Needs covered by the hospice include medical, physiotherapy, complimentary and spiritual care. Home care services fulfil a need for those who wish to die at home. Day care service provides relief and symptom care. Ms. Flynn continued by saying that the generosity of the public has allowed a hydrotherapy pool and a children's play area to be constructed. Education is provided for all involved in palliative care.

Plans for the future include the provision of 50 new beds and an education building and to open up services to the wider community. Ms. Flynn concluded by thanking all involved for their goodwill and continued support.

During the final hymn, a collection was taken up for the hospice (€2,500). The concluding prayer and hymn were said by Dean Harman, asking "that we may have the humility of the shepherds, faith of the wise men, joy of the angels and the peace of the Christ child.

Afterwards to the delight of the congregation mulled wine and mince pies were served beside the beautiful illuminated Christmas tree, by the Friends of Christ Church, the Girl's Brigade and volunteers from Our Lady's Hospice.

Advent Carol Service

Jon Scarffe

One of the highlights of Christ Church Cathedral's liturgical year is the Advent Procession, which took place on the 3rd December last. The Service is always extremely well attended and this year was no exception. However the service this year was a little different than in previous years, in that it was being filmed for release in 2007 as part of the "Live at Christ Church" series of CDs and DVDs.

Advent of course is a time of waiting and anticipation and the Advent Procession encapsulates this time of waiting perfectly. The evening's readings reflected the emphasis on Christ's second coming and included themes of accountability, judgement and the hope of eternal life. The course of the service traced the witness of the prophets, of John the Baptist and of Mary, all of whom point us towards the birth of Jesus.

The Advent Procession was a service of darkness and light, of stillness and movement, of music modern and traditional, of thought provoking readings.

In a darkened cathedral the service began with an Introit especially composed by Peter Parshall, cathedral Music Development Officer, sung from the South Transept. As the procession moved off the Cathedral echoed to the "O come, O Come, Emmanuel". As the choir, acolytes and clergy processed the congregation's candles were lit, and soon the cathedral was filled with beautiful candlelight.

Following the Bidding Prayer and the Lord's Prayer, the choir and acolytes moved through the darkened cathedral. A beautiful sight of candles and singing interspersed with the lessons read by lay people and clergy alike.

At the sixth lesson taken from Luke 1: 39-45 the congregation extinguished their candles and the cathedral lights were raised. A setting of the Magnificat, by Gerald Finzi was than sung by the combined Cathedral choirs.

Moving towards the conclusion of a wonderful, evocative service, The Archdeacon of Dublin, The Ven. David Pierpoint read the final lesson from Matthew 24: 36-44 concluding the reading with the words- O come, O come, thou dayspring bright! Pour on our souls thy healing light; dispel the long night's lingering gloom, and pierce the shadows of the tomb.

Following the Hymn of St Columba and the Blessing by The Dean, the service drew towards the end, with the "Hymn Lo! He comes; with clouds descending" by Charles Wesley. To quote the introduction on the Order of Service, " a hymn that sums up all that we had heard and reminded us of the paradox of our faith. In the words of T.S. Eliot
" What we call the beginning is often the end and to make an end is to make a beginning. The End is where we start from".

Christmas Carol Service

Jon Scarffe

A Service of Lessons and Carols was held in Christ Church Cathedral at 3.30pm on the 17th December 2006. A packed Cathedral listened to a wonderful variety of carols and hymns, with the service beginning with the traditional solo verse of Once in Royal David's city.

The service contained 5 lessons read by people associated with the cathedral mixed with carols & hymns both old and new sung by the combined Cathedral choirs and congregation, including a new carol entitled An Nollaig written especially for the service by Simon McHale, a member of the choir.

The Blessing was given by The Dean The Very Revd. Desmond Harman. The service concluded with the full congregation singing Hark! The herald-angels sing. The service ended with two outstanding voluntaries by Bach and Mulet, played by Tristan Russcher.

Out thanks to our director of Music, Judy Martin, for all her work providing such appropriate music during the Advent and Christmastide.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO CATHEDRAL AND FRIENDS

We would very much hope that you will be able to maintain your financial support and to take into account the value of money now.

We particularly remind you of the opportunity to increase the value of your contributions by being tax efficient. This means that PAYE contributions can allow the cathedral to claim a tax refund and self-assessed parishioners and Friends can claim a tax credit thus reducing the cost to them of their contribution. The minimum amount to qualify is €250.

A record of contributions is required to avail of these tax opportunities so the best way to give is:

- By using a weekly envelope, available from the cathedral office
- By Bank Standing Order
- By cheque or other recorded system

If you do not wish to use any of the above means then please use the Sunday collecting plate for your personal contribution or send to the Administration at the Cathedral.

Cathedral gives €17,000 to charities

Each year the cathedral makes donations to different organisations, this money comes from the Peace Candle collection and 10% of all collections.

On Tuesday 30 January eleven charities were represented in the Chapter Room. Among the agencies supported are Merchants' Quay Ireland, St Vincent de Paul Society, TRUST, YMCA, Protestant Aid, PACT, The Salvation Army, RADE (Recovery to Art Drama and Education), The Harding Trust, Church Mission Society Ireland, Dublin University Far Eastern Mission, Christian Aid, The Bishops'Appeal, The Irish School of Ecumenics, Cornerstone Community Belfast and The Centre for Contemporary Christianity in Ireland. The collection from the Charity Carol Service, which was held on 12 December 2006, was given to Our Lady's Hospice in Harold's Cross. (also see page 8).

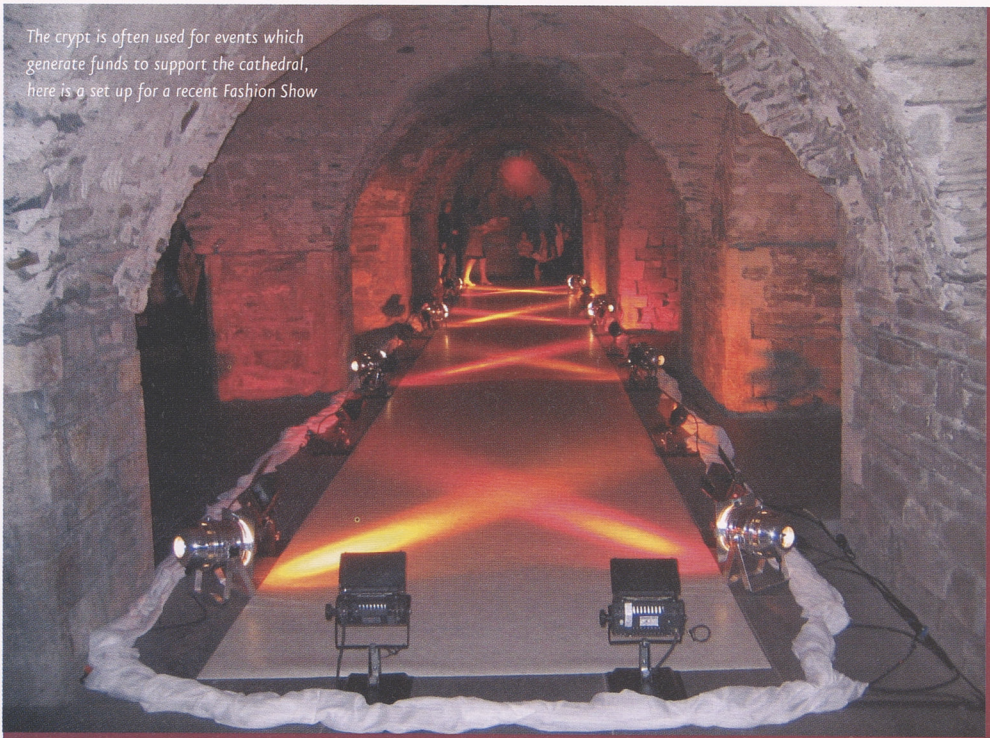
Michael Walsh

Michael Walsh died on 10th January. He had been a volunteer at the Welcome Desk for the past number of years and was a really great colleague. His pleasant, relaxed manner and constant good humour helped offer a very friendly and genuine welcome to the visitors.

He always gave a special welcome to visitors from Budapest where one of his daughters lived for several years. Indeed he was even known to overlook the entrance charge on occasion! Those of us who had the pleasure of working with him will miss Michael very much.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Geraldine and all his family.

B.W. and E.G.



The crypt is often used for events which generate funds to support the cathedral, here is a set up for a recent Fashion Show

The Dean, Denise Pierpoint, Stuart Kinsella, Cecil Medcalf, Sue Harman and Archdeacon Pierpoint at the volunteer's and staff party

Family and Friends with the Archbishop after Obinna commissioning

Bryan Wilkinson, Robin Browne, Mildred Beresford, Madeline Cooke, Ronnie Wallace, Joan Harris and Eileen Slator at the Cathedral volunteers and staff party

Music in the Cathedral

Peter Parshall

Christ Church Festival 2007

Following the success of the inaugural Christ Church Festival in 2006, the second festival will begin on 31 May 2007, once again culminating in the services on Trinity Sunday, 3 June, which, as well as being the Patronal Festival of the cathedral, is also Friends' Day.

This year, the theme of the festival is 'Light' and various events have been arranged to reflect this theme. All the information is included on the festival brochure, which is enclosed with this newsletter, but events particularly worthy of highlight include an art exhibition in the crypt, an evening concert given by the cathedral choir and an organ recital with a difference – international concert organist David Briggs will improvise a live sound track to the 1925 silent film *The Phantom of the Opera* on the cathedral's magnificent organ. At Evensong on Sunday 3 June, the winning composition in the 2007 composition competition will be performed by the cathedral choir and we hope that the composer, whoever that might be, will be present.

Once again, the Friends' are very much involved in the festival through their sponsorship of the composition competition and the art exhibition. We are also delighted to welcome the Temple Bar Cultural Trust as associates of the festival who will present David Briggs' concert as part of the 2007 *Diversions* festival which runs between June and September each year.

All in all, a packed programme of events, with something to suit all tastes. Put the dates in your diary now, and we look forward to welcoming you to Christ Church.

Organ Scholars

Many congratulations to Fraser Wilson, the current Organ Scholar, who has been made an Associate member of the Royal College of Organists. The examinations for these diplomas are famously rigorous and they represent the benchmark of achievement for all wishing to pursue a career in Church music. Unfortunately, Fraser leaves Christ Church at the end of August in order to return to Sheffield University to complete his degree in Music. We will send him on his way with our thanks for all he has brought to the musical life of the cathedral.

We are delighted to announce that, following the audition and interview of the four short–listed candidates on 8 February, John Mountford has been appointed Organ Scholar at Christ Church from 1 September 2007. A graduate of the University of Bristol, where he held the Organ Scholarship at the University Church of St Paul, he is currently Organ Scholar of Chichester Cathedral. Congratulations to John and we look forward to welcoming him to Christ Church in September.

Live at Christ Church recordings

As you will know, thanks to the generosity of the Friends, the music department was able to purchase state–of–the–art sound recording equipment in 2005. This equipment was intended originally to allow us to produce a sound archive of cathedral services, but a very welcome (and profitable!) by–product has been the production of four

Live at Christ Church compact discs. The equipment has been put to good use, and all services since 20 April 2005 have been digitally recorded. One problem has, however, come to light – namely that services and concerts in the Nave are not picked up terribly well by the microphones, resulting in what can only be described as an "acoustic wash". Once again, the Friends have come to the rescue by their provision of two additional microphones, (which will be suspended high up in the first bay of the nave triforium) together with an eight channel mixing desk. Thus, the next release in the *Live at Christ Church* series will be a DVD of the Advent Procession featuring the cathedral choirs, acolytes and for the first time, the congregation! The DVD will be available in time for Christmas, with a provisional release date anticipated for October 2007.

Cathedral Choir concerts

The Cathedral choir is delighted to have been asked to give a concert as part of the St Patrick's Festival, 2007. Taking place at 7.00pm on Friday 16 March, the concert will include performances of Leonard Bernstein's magnificent *Chichester Psalms*, Leos Janácek's *Ot e nás*, Parry's Blest pair of sirens and traditional Irish folk songs accompanied on the harp. This is a prestigious event to be involved with and promises to be one that is sold out, due to the level of publicity that the St Patrick's Festival organisers are able to give it. Tickets cost €20 (€15 concessions) and are available from the **Central Ticket Bureau** on 01 872 1122 www.centralticketbureau.com.

On Friday 20 April, the Cathedral choir, together with the Orchestra of St Cecilia, conducted by Judy Martin will give a performance of Handel's *Messiah* at 7.30pm in the cathedral. This event is being promoted by the Temple Bar Cultural Trust, and will be the concluding event in this year's Handel Festival. Beginning at 7.30pm, entry to the concert is free of charge, but free tickets must have been reserved in advance as we expect another full house. Please contact the Temple Bar Cultural Trust at 01 677 2255 info@templebar.ie for further details and to reserve tickets.

Autumn Pilgrimage

The Friends' cathedral tour this year will be to the city of Portsmouth over the second Sunday of October as usual, staying at the Holiday Inn, Pembroke Road, a ten to fifteen minute walk to the cathedral.

Starting on Friday 12th October, we take a not too early morning flight to Gatwick returning on Monday 15th.

We shall focus on Portsmouth Cathedral, making a conducted tour with opportunities for shopping and attend the 9.30am Parish Eucharist Service on the Sunday.

A Guide will take us through Portsmouth's naval history and places of particular interest like H.M.S.Victory, the "Marie Rose", dockyard and museums.

Arundel Castle, seat of the Duke of Norfolk will be included among the places of interest to be visited.

A detailed brochure with Application Form will be sent to you with the May Newsletter.

The Ringers

Leslie Taylor

From left: Laura Brown and Mary Finn admire the Lindoff Cup which was won by the Cathedral ringers on Saturday 10 March 2007

For the New Year, 24 ringers assembled, enabling us once again to ring 19 bells, as we have done each New Year since the Great Augmentation of 1999. This has only been possible through the great success of the recruitment and teaching campaign in continuous operation since that time.

People may lose sight of the significance of this achievement, but a few of us remember a time when we were concerned that we might not have even eight bells ringing for the New Year. It is hard enough for a choir to replenish itself. For ringers this is far more difficult as recruits must be taught at the most fundamental level, unless fully trained ringers fall into our laps.

As a rule, fully equipped ringers do not fall from the sky, but despite that, we have, as it were, snared several. This good result depends on the attractiveness of the host tower (friendliness and ringing potential) when good ringers are looking for a ringing home and 'shopping around', having come here to work or study. Good ringers are those who can ring well and assist others to improve.

Everything is shown to be falling into place when the greatest number of bells in the world is rung, with some ringers to spare, as occurred when Ringing Master Gary McGuire oversaw the farewell to 2006, with a programme of ringing involving numbers of bells up 16, and the welcoming of 2007 on the full 19 (with their otherworldly harmonics).

SPECIAL RINGING

Ringers assembled to ring for the christening of Brandon Taylor in the cathedral in the autumn, and on the last day of the year rang a quarter peal of 1277 Grandsire Caters which they dedicated to this son of a former ringer and grandson and grand-nephew of ringers.

CHALLENGES

The ringers face 2007 with several challenges, as they attempt to advance in the art of campanology. These include efforts to build up the afternoon group to begin to rival the morning ringers. The signs are good.

New Diocesan Chaplain for the International Community

On Thursday 15 February 2007 at the daily Eucharist the Revd Obinna Ulogwara (originally from Nigeria) was commissioned as the Diocesan Chaplain to the International Community for the Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough by the Archbishop.

The position of diocesan chaplain to the International Community is a new one and will involve helping Diocesan Clergy in their ministry to those who have recently arrived in Ireland. It will also be a centre of response to the unique pastoral needs of members of the international community and will help organize the periodic "Discovery Services", which are organized with specific groups of immigrants in mind but are open to all, immigrants and Irish citizens alike. A very strong arm of the Chaplaincy is the 'Discovery Gospel Choir' directed by Miss Justine Nantale and Mr Philip McKinley, the Hard Gospel Project Officer of the Church of Ireland, Republic of Ireland.

Speaking before the commissioning, the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr John Neill said "Obinna has been with us for over a year ministering as a Curate in Tallaght and Whitechurch parishes. In that time he and his wife and family have earned our respect and affection. Now, having been introduced to Ireland and the Church of Ireland, he is taking on a new, exciting and extremely important role within the diocese. The increasing numbers of people coming to our shores provide a major challenge both for the Church and for Irish society as a whole. We want to see Obinna help us to create opportunities for true and positive engagement that will lead to balanced integration and acculturation. It's a challenging role, but I hope an exciting and rewarding one, and I pray that God will guide him, and the Church as a whole as we work to respond to his call in a new and changing Ireland."

The Revd Obinna Ulogwara who comes from the diocese of Lagos (in which he holds the title of archdeacon) was appointed by the Archbishop of Dublin to assist the United Dioceses locally in Tallaght and Whitechurch Parishes. He will work from offices in Tallaght.

Flowers

We are very grateful to those people who generously gave donations towards flowers and arranged them over the past few months:

Mrs Evie Anderson, Helen Baird, Margery Boyd, Dr Alan Browne, Elina Bychkova (in memory of her mother and grand-mother), Breigeen Cosgrave (in memory of Ian Taplin), Rosy Christina, Mrs Muriel Ebbs (in memory of her husband Bill), Helen Finn, Mrs Caroline Gray (in memory of Roland), Gwen Hinde (in memory of Geraldine Willis), Valerie Houlden, Leila Kermode (in memory of Bob and Paul), Peter Kermode, Alan O'Shea, Dorothy Pennefather (in memory of her father), Mr Gerard Quinn, Mrs Olive Smith, Eileen & Douglas Slator, Honor Stuart (in memory of her mother), Geraldine Thompson, Leslie & Ann Taylor (for the baptism of their grandson), Rev & Mrs H. Whyte, Mrs Jo Wilkinson (in memory of Rev Bill Wilkinson) and David & Margaret Wynne (in memory of Derek)

Nichols Funeral Directors

29-31 LOMBARD STREET EAST, WESTLAND ROW, DUBLIN 2 Est 1814

COMPLETE AND PROFESSIONAL FUNERAL SERVICE

•Monument Service •Florists •Wedding Cars
•Advanced Funeral Plan •24 Hour Service

Enquiries welcome to Gus Nichols, telephone 677 0665 or fax 671 3461.
E.mail gus@nichols.ie

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL DUBLIN

2007 Lenten Lectures

Mondays at 8pm

Issues of faith in the 21st Century

26 February

Christianity, Islam and the Political Future.

John Kelsay, Richard Rubenstein Professor of Religion, Florida State University.

5 March

The Person of Jesus and Christian Belief Today.

Sean Freyne, Director of Mediterranean and Near Eastern Studies, TCD

12 March

Belief and Science.

William Reville, Associate Professor of Biochemistry, UCC

19 March

Is Tolerance Enough? From Multiculturalism to Interreligious Dialogue.

John May, Associate Professor of Interfaith Dialogue, Irish School of Ecumenics. TCD

26 March

Contemporary Medical Ethics and Christian Concerns.

Nigel Biggar, Professor of Theology and Ethics, Trinity College Dublin

A Series of five lectures with discussion and coffee. €50 booking for the series encouraged but single night participation accepted. Entrance via Chapter House.

Organised by the Cathedral Chapter

Contact 01 6778099 (Cathedral) or email jrbartlett@eircom.net

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL DUBLIN

Crypt Lunchtime Lectures

March 2007

Tuesdays in March at 1.15pm
Admission free

FABRIC & FURNISHINGS OF CHRIST CHURCH

Tuesday 6 March 2007
Silver in Christ Church — Douglas Bennett

Tuesday 13 March 2007
Monuments in Christ Church — Stuart Kinsella

Tuesday 20 March 2007
Carved Stonework in Christ Church — Michael O'Neill

Tuesday 27 March 2007
Portraits in Christ Church — Raymond Refaussé

Contact: 01 677 8099 (Christ Church Cathedral) or email:
lectures@cccdub.ie

The Cathedral Treasury and Shop will be open.
Supported by the Friends of the Cathedral
and held in association with Dublin City Council.

SUBSCRIPTION FORM

If you subscribe by cash or cheque, please use this form to renew your subscription.

You may also use it to enrol a new member.
Subscription Fees:€20 (minimum); $35 (overseas)

☐ Renewal ☐ New Subscription

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____

Cheque/Cash Subscription: I enclose subscription of € _____

If you wish to subscribe by Banker's Order instead of Cash or Cheque, please complete this part of the form. It would greatly facilitate us and reduce costs if you were to subscribe by Banker's Order.

BANKER'S ORDER

I wish to subscribe by Banker's Order.

To: The Manager _____

Bank: _____

Branch: _____

Please charge to my/our account No. _____ and pay to: Allied Irish Banks, plc., 40/41 Westmoreland St., Dublin 2 (93-12-25) for the credit of Account No. 15214039 in the name of the Friends of Christ Church Cathedral, the sum of _____ euro, commencing on _____, and on the same day **annually** until further notice.

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____

Contacts at Christ Church Cathedral

The Dean:	The Very Revd. Desmond Harman, 677 8099 (0) *dean@cccdub.ie*
The Dean's Vicar:	The Revd Mark Gardner, 677 8099 (0) *deansvicar@cccdub.ie*
The Precentor:	The Revd Canon Dr Adrian Empey, 499 9727 (0) *adrianempey@citc.ie*
The Chancellor:	The Revd Canon Neil McEndoo 497 1797 (H)
The Treasurer:	The Revd Canon Richard Rountree 286 3534 (H) *powerscourt@glendalough.anglican.org*
Parish Vicar:	The Venerable David Pierpoint, 872 4154 (Parish Office) *dpier@iol.ie*
Parish Curate Assistant:	The Revd John Ardis, 087 6807289 *john_ardis@yahoo.com*
Cathedral:	Tel: 677 8099; Fax: 679 8991; *office@cccdub.ie*
Administrator:	Mr Michael Denton *administrator@cccdub.ie*
Welcome desk:	Mrs Angela McGroggan, *office@cccdub.ie*
Gift shop:	Mrs Lesley Rue, *welcome@cccdub,.ie*
Honorary Treasurer:	Mr Daithi O Maolchoille, 087-244 2705
Music Department:	Tel: 677 8099 *music@cccdub.ie*
Director of Music:	Ms Judy Martin *dom@cccdub.ie*
Acting Assistant Organist:	Mr Tristan Russcher
Organ Scholar:	Mr Fraser Wilson
Music Development Officer:	Mr Peter Parshall, 677 8099 (0) *music@cccdub.ie*
Cathedral Bells:	Dr Gary McGuire *ringingmaster@cccdub.ie*
Vergers' Department:	Tel: 677 8099, *vergers@cccdub.ie* Mr Kieran O'Reilly (Head Verger); Mr Freddie McKeown (Dean's Verger) Mr Fred Deane.
Archives/Friends:	Dr Kenneth Milne, 492 2971 (H) *kennethmilne@eircom.net*
Web Editor/Archives:	Mr Stuart Kinsella, *webeditor@cccdub.ie*
Flower Rota:	Mrs Ruth Kinsella, 280 1464(H)
Friends Office:	Mrs Lesley Rue, 677 8099 (0) *friends@cccdub.ie*
Honorary Treasurer:	Mr David Bockett 492 2484 (H) *bockett@eircom.net*
Cathedral website:	*www.cccdub.ie*

TABLE QUIZ

in aid of

RWANDA WATER PROJECT

in

Christ Church Cathedral Crypt

7.45 pm. sharp

Friday 23rd March 2007

Raffle, Spot Prizes, Auction.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL DUBLIN

Services and events in March, in Holy Week and at Easter

Members of all Christian Churches are welcome to receive the Holy Communion.
10.00 Morning Prayer and 17. 00 Evening Prayer take place in the Quire.
Peace Prayers are said at Noon. The daily Eucharist is said at 12.45 in the Lady Chapel.

MARCH

SUNDAY 11	11.00	Preacher, Canon Dr Nigel Biggar.
FRIDAY 16	19.00	**St Patrick's Festival Concert** in the cathedral by the cathedral choir
SATURDAY 17		St Patrick's Day. Cathedral opens after the parade
SUNDAY 18	11.00	Preacher, the Dean
FRIDAY 23	19.45	Table Quiz, auction and raffle, spot prizes, in the Crypt, in aid of **Rwanda Water Project**. Contact Lesley Rue at the Cathedral office 01-6778099
SUNDAY 25	11.00	Preacher, Canon Ricky Rountree, Treasurer.
	17.00	Eucharist in the Irish language. All welcome
MONDAY 26		Annunciation (Transferred)
	12.45	Capitular Eucharist (all welcome) followed by Chapter meeting

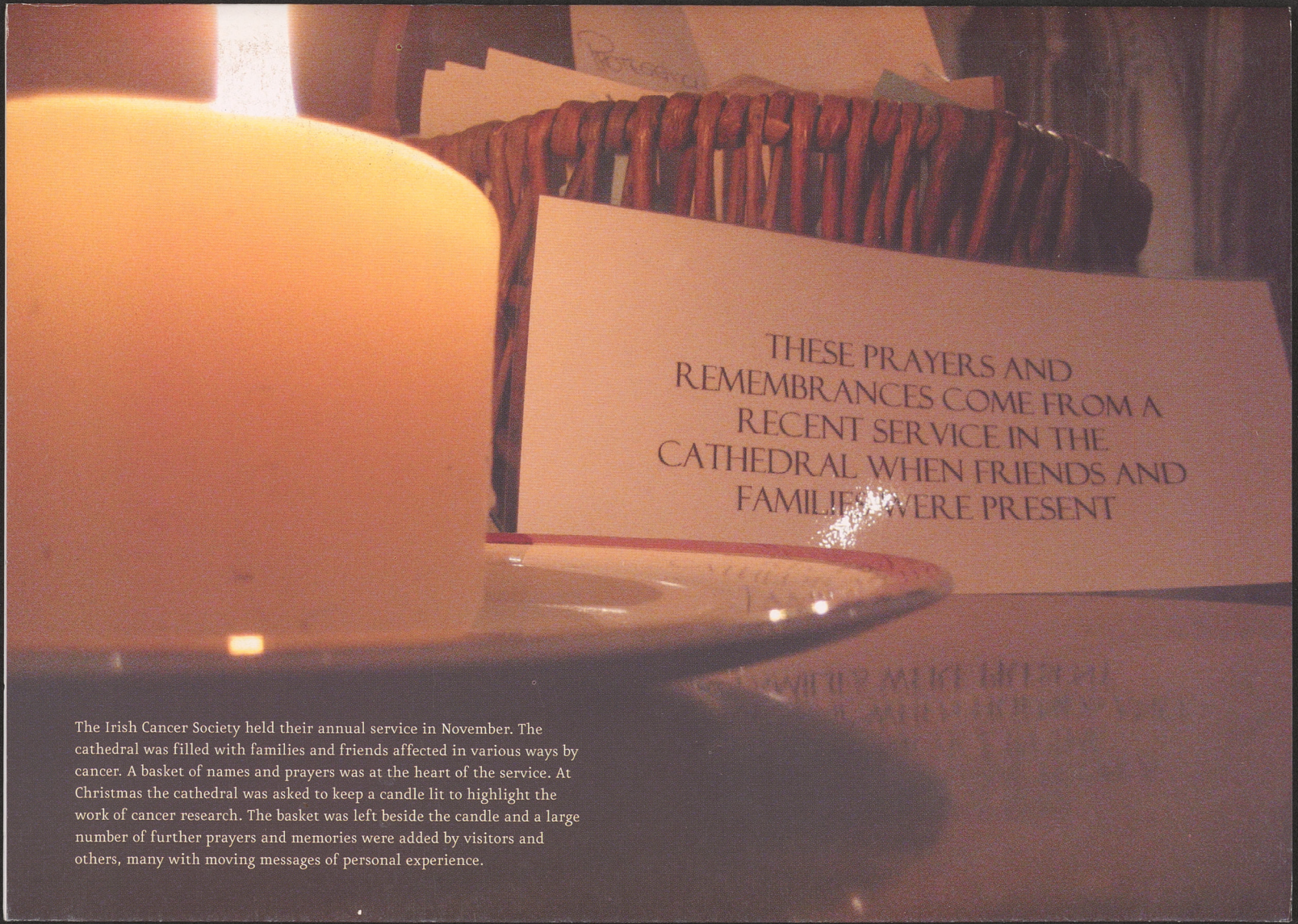
APRIL

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

SUNDAY 1	11.00	Blessing of palms and procession, Cathedral Eucharist and reading of the Passion according to St Luke
TUESDAY 3	17.00	Sung Compline
WEDNESDAY 4	18.00	Choral Evensong sung by the Cathedral girls choir
THURSDAY 5	**MAUNDY THURSDAY**	
	10.30	MU Eucharist in the MU chapel (note earlier time today).
	12.00	Eucharist with hymns, renewal of vows and consecration of oil of healing.
	18.00	Sung Eucharist with the cathedral choir. All are welcome to these services
FRIDAY 6	**GOOD FRIDAY**	
	15.30	Choral Evensong and proclamation of the Cross
SATURDAY 7	**EASTER EVE SATURDAY**	
	21.00	Vigil, confirmation and first Eucharist of Easter
SUNDAY 8	**EASTER DAY**	
	11.00	Festival Eucharist. Preacher, the Archbishop
FRIDAY 20		Free evening concert Handel's Messiah with the Cathedral Choir and the Orchestra of St Cecilia

MAY

TUESDAY 8		General Synod meeting at Kilkenny
SUNDAY 13		Servers' Guild excursion to Eu, burial place of St Laurence O'Toole.
THURSDAY 17		The Ascension Day
SUNDAY 27	**WHITSUNDAY**	
		The feast of Pentecost
THURSDAY 31		Cathedral Summer Festival begins



The Irish Cancer Society held their annual service in November. The cathedral was filled with families and friends affected in various ways by cancer. A basket of names and prayers was at the heart of the service. At Christmas the cathedral was asked to keep a candle lit to highlight the work of cancer research. The basket was left beside the candle and a large number of further prayers and memories were added by visitors and others, many with moving messages of personal experience.